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Kid's Sing-Along Tape Recorder

OWNER'S MANUAL —
Please read before using this equipment.

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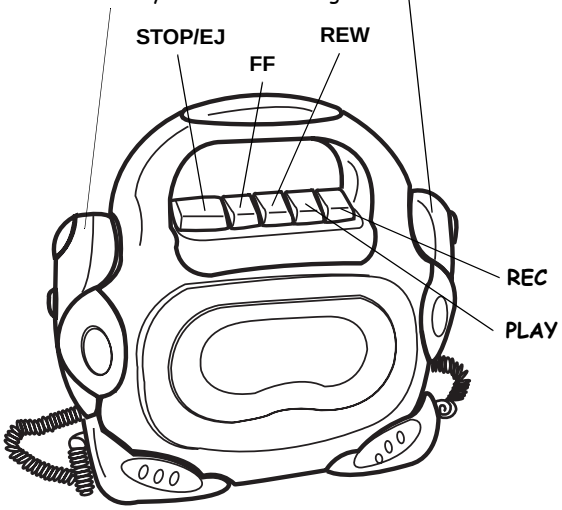
Thank you for purchasing a RadioShack Kid's Sing-Along Tape Recorder. Your recorder is a portable recorder that lets you sing along with pre-recorded cassettes, listen to your favorite tapes, make recording, or amplify your voice. The Kid's Sing-Along Tape Recorder is recommended for children ages 4 and up.

Built-in Microphones — let you and a friend sing along with a pre-recorded cassette tape or make your own recordings.



Built-In Speaker — lets you listen to your favorite tapes and recordings.

Auto-Stop — stops the recorder when a tape reaches its end.

CAUTION

- Use only fresh batteries of the required size and recommended type.
- Do not mix old and new batteries, different types of batteries (standard, alkaline, or rechargeable), or rechargeable batteries of different capacities.

INSTALLING BATTERIES

Your recorder requires four C batteries (not supplied) for power. For the best performance and longest life, we recommend RadioShack alkaline batteries.

1. Press the two tabs on the battery compartment cover down and lift the cover up to remove it.

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— **Caution** — **Hint**

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2. Place the batteries in the compartment as indicated by the polarity symbols (+ and –) marked outside the compartment.
3. Replace the cover.

When the sound becomes weak or distorted, the tape speed slows, or the recorder stops operating properly, replace the batteries. ⚠ ✸

⚠ WARNING ⚠

Dispose of old batteries promptly and properly. Do not burn or bury them.

✸ CAUTION ✸

If you do not plan to use the recorder for about a month, remove the batteries. Batteries can leak chemicals that can destroy electronic parts.

Loading a Tape

1. Press **STOP/EJ** to open the cassette compartment.
2. Slide the cassette tape into the compartment with the side you want to play facing out and the open edge facing up.
3. Close the compartment.

Playing a Cassette Tape and Singing Along

1. Press **PLAY**. The tape plays.
2. Adjust **Vol. max./min.** to the desired level.
3. To sing along with a tape, remove the microphones from their holders and set **ON/OFF** to **ON**.
4. Sing into the microphones. Your voices mix with the tape and come out from the speaker.
5. When the tape reaches the end, it automatically stops. To stop the tape sooner, press **STOP/EJ**.
6. Press **STOP/EJ** to open the compartment and remove the tape.
7. To play the tape's other side, remove it, flip it over, and reinsert it with the open edge facing up so the other side plays.
8. To fast forward or rewind the tape, first press **STOP/EJ** to stop play, then press **FF** or **REW**. Press **STOP/EJ** then **PLAY** to resume play.

Using the Player as an Amplifier

1. Remove the microphones from their holders and set **ON/OFF** to **ON**.
2. With no cassette tape in the compartment, press **PLAY**.

3. Speak into the microphones. Adjust the volume to the desired level. Your voices are amplified through the recorder's built-in speaker.

4. When you finish, press **STOP/ EJ**. Slide **ON/OFF** to **OFF** and place the microphones back in their holder.

RECORDING

1. Load a blank tape (or one you want to record over) into the cassette compartment.

2. Set **ON/OFF** on the microphones to **ON**, then press down **PLAY** and **REC** at the same time. Both **PLAY** and **REC** lock down. Sing or speak into the microphones.

3. To stop recording, press **STOP/ EJ**. When you finish, place the microphones back in the holders.

TAPE TIPS

ERASING TAPES

To record over a cassette tape, simply record as usual. The tape recorder records over the previous recording.

You can quickly erase both sides of a cassette tape using a bulk tape eraser.

PREVENTING ACCIDENTAL ERASURE

Cassette tapes have two erase-protection tabs — one for each side. When a tab is in place, you can record on that side.

To prevent accidental erasure of a tape recording, use a screwdriver to remove one or both of the cassette tape's erase protection tabs. This prevents **RECORD** from being pressed.

If you later decide to record on a tape after you have removed the erase-protection tabs, place a piece of strong plastic tape over the erase-protection hole. Be sure you cover only the hole originally covered by the erase-protection tab.

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CAUTION

Removing the erase-protection tabs does not prevent a bulk eraser from erasing a cassette tape.

CAUTION

Be careful not to damage the cassette when tapping it. Do not touch the exposed tape or allow any sharp objects near the cassette.

NOTE

For easier cleaning, you can use a cassette cleaner kit, which includes a special cleaning cassette. RadioShack carries a full line of cassette deck cleaning supplies.

Specifications

Tape system	1 Channel 2 Tracks
Tape Speed	$1^7/_8$ ips
Wow and Flutter	0.35%
Signal-to-Noise Ratio	40 dB
Frequency Response	250–6.3kHz (± 6dB)
Power Output (at 10%THD)	0.4W
Power Requirements	6V DC (Four C batteries)
Speaker Impedance	8 Ohm
Speaker	3 inches (76.2 mm)
Dimensions (WHD)	$9^7/_{16} \times 8\,^9/_{16} \times 4^3/_{16}$ in ($239 \times 217 \times 107$ mm)
Weight	34.4 oz (975 g)

Specifications are typical; individual units might vary. Specifications are subject to change and improvement without notice.

Restoring Tape Tension and Sound Quality

After you play a cassette tape several times, the tape might become tightly wound on the reels. This can cause the sound quality to deteriorate during playback.

To restore the sound quality, fast-forward the tape from the beginning to the end of one side, then completely rewind it. Then loosen the tape reels by gently tapping each side of the cassette's outer shell on a flat surface.

Cleaning the Tape-Handling Parts

Dirt, dust or particles of the tape's coating can accumulate on the tape heads and other parts that the tape touches. This can greatly reduce the performance of the system. After every 20 hours of tape player operation, follow these steps to clean the tape-handling parts.

1. Remove the batteries.
2. Open the cassette compartment door and press **PLAY** to expose the tape-handling parts.
3. Use a cotton swab dipped in tape head cleaning solution or denatured alcohol to gently clean the record/playback head, pinch roller, capstan and tape guides.
4. Press **STOP/EJECT** to release the tape-handling parts. Then close the cassette compartment cover and reconnect power.

Care

Keep the recorder dry; if it gets wet, wipe it dry immediately. Use and store the recorder only in normal temperature environments. Handle the recorder carefully; do not drop it. Keep the recorder away from dust and dirt, and wipe it with a damp cloth occasionally to keep it looking new.

If your recorder is not performing as it should, take it to your local RadioShack store for assistance. Modifying or tampering with the recorder's internal components can cause a malfunction and might invalidate its warranty.

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